

MINUTES
RICHHOOD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting, Monday November 14, 2011
Richwood City Hall
215 Halbert
Richwood, TX 77531
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clint Kocurek, Mayor and presiding officer.

A. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was given by Glenn Patton, City Administrator.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

II. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Roll call showed the following members present:

Clint Kocurek, Mayor and presiding officer
John Pitts, Position #2 and Mayor Pro Tem
Lee Bryant, Position #3
Charles Pettey, Position #4
Sandra Boykin, Position #5

Absent:

James Hughes, Position #1

A quorum was declared. Others present included Glenn Patton, City Administrator, Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary, Jason Cordoba, City Attorney, and Adam Sierra, Fire Chief.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On motion by Councilman Boykin, seconded by Councilman Pettey, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the minutes of September 12, 2011 as presented.

IV. ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There was no one who wished to address Council on matters not on the agenda.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing - Violation of Ordinance No. 203 - Buildings at 503 N. Mahan

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The public hearing was opened at 7:09 p.m.

A copy of the report by Doug Caffey, Building Official with Clute, is included in the packet. This report shows there are several serious structural issues with this home which in Mr. Caffey's opinion, makes it financially restrictive to bring the property up to the City's Codes.

Mr. Cordoba stated he has been in contact with Brazoria County, the Tarkelly's and City Financial and they have all indicated they have no interest in the property. The Tarkelly's have abandoned the property and have signed a waiver. He will get similar waivers from the other parties involved. Since the recent Texas Supreme Court decision now appears to require District Court to make the final decision on condemnation. By getting the waivers, we will be able to avoid any future trouble.

The final object is to remove a hazard and an unsafe building in the city. Mr. Cordoba stated that we can file a lien for the demolition.

With no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

- B. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting to seek the advice of City Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation; or a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

Violation of Ordinance No. 203 - Buildings at 503 N. Mahan

This item was passed over.

- C. Action as a result of executive session

This item was passed over.

- D. Action on the findings in regard to buildings at 503 N. Mahan

On motion by Councilman Pitts, seconded by Councilman Boykin, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to move forward with the process to get this property demolished and remove the hazard.

- E. Resolution ordering the redemption of the City of Richwood Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 1980

On motion by Councilman Pitts, seconded by Councilman Pettey, with all members present voting aye, the Resolution ordering the redemption of the City of Richwood Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 1980 was approved as presented.

- F. Election of Board of Directors for the Brazoria County Appraisal District

On motion by Councilman Pitts, seconded by Councilman Pettey, with all member present voting aye, it was duly adopted to cast the City's 13 votes for Glenn Salyer for the Board of Directors for Brazoria County Appraisal District.

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G. Approval and adoption of the Certified 2011 Tax Roll for FY 12

On motion by Councilman Pettey, seconded by Councilman Pitts, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve and adopt the Certified 2011 Tax Roll for FY 12.

H. Payment of bills

On motion by Councilman Boykin, seconded by Councilman Pitts, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to pay the bills as presented.

I. Financial Report

Par for the period ending October 31 is 92% remaining.

VI. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Patton reported that the signs denoting the Police Department and City Hall are now up on the front of City Hall. Brad Caudle, Police Chief, removed the letters, cleaned them up, painted them black and placed them on the boards. City crews put the signs up and they look really nice.

The Police Department is moving closer to making the move to Lake Jackson Dispatch. It is currently scheduled to happen January 17th. They are mounting the hardware in the cars and waiting on the computers. Chief Caudle is also making arrangements with the current software to move the information to OSSI. It is a very positive direction for the Police Department. There are also computer upgrades planned for the water department for reading meters. New wands and handhelds are being ordered. We are also looking into visiting with a gentleman from Southwest Meters. They have a system that is better than the touch reads as it will allow the meters to be read from City Hall. Currently it takes 5 guys 3 days to read the meters. We recently had a situation where a meter was read incorrectly for 4 months.

Mr. Patton also reported that our next property to be handled through Code Enforcement will be the abandoned trailer on Walnut.

He has proposed a 9 hole Disc Golf course at Bobby Ford Park. Mr. Ford has agreed to fund the project. If this works out, we will look into providing an 18 hole Disc Golf course at the Municipal Park. The proposed 9 hole course will cost approximately \$5,000. The City of Lake Jackson has Disc Golf course at Dunbar Park and its proven to be very popular. Polk Elementary has taken kids over there. He hopes to be in the golf business by the beginning of summer.

The crack sealing machine is coming November 18th. We will seal the cracks and then do patching on some of the streets. Moore Street is slated to be tilled and over laid. The drought is the cause for most of the street failures.

Councilman Pettey reported on the clean up held November 12th. A lot was accomplished this past Saturday at the soccer fields, Freedom Park and City Hall. Trees were cut at the dock at Bobby Ford Park. TxDot has awarded the contract for the signs and will match the current sign on College Boulevard.

VII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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There were none.

VIII. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

BCCA will be hosted by Lake Jackson on November 16th.

Both local liquor options passed. Mayor Kocurek reported that he and Mr. Patton are in talks with interested parties who wish to build a restaurant and have their trailer park annexed. They are also soliciting other businesses to come into town.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 12, 2011.

Clint Kocurek, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary